

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Confirmation No.: 9987
Hirotoomi NEMOTO et al.	Art Unit: 3632
Serial No.: 10/784,891	Examiner: Todd M. Epps
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For:	ANTI-VIBRATION SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR ENGINE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENTS

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Sir:

The Office Action dated November 18, 2008 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 1-20 are pending. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,422,546 to Nemoto et al. (Nemoto) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,427,662 to Tanaya et al. (Tanaya). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for at least the following reason(s).

The Office Action asserts that Nemoto discloses each and every feature recited in Claims 1-20 with the exception of the feature wherein "an active anti-vibration supporting device is prohibited when an abnormality in an operational state of the